

## CLAIMS

### We Claim:

1           1.     A method of presenting and managing a history of web pages accessed,  
2     comprising:  
3           accessing a web page by a user;  
4           reducing the size of the web page to a thumbnail snapshot; and  
5           displaying the thumbnail snapshot to the user in an area of a screen containing  
6     only history information.

1           2.     The method recited in claim 1, wherein prior to the reducing the size of the  
2     web page to a thumbnail snapshot, further comprising:  
3           checking a history file to determine if the web page is in the history file; and  
4           reducing the size of the web page only when the web page is not in the history  
5     file.

1           3.     The method recited in claim 2, wherein the thumbnail snapshot is  
2     displayed to the user in a toolbar.

1           4.     The method recited in claim 3, wherein the toolbar is able to scroll and  
2     display a plurality of thumbnail snapshots from the most recent to the least recent.

1           5.     The method recited in claim 4, further comprising:

2 selecting a web page to revisit by clicking on a thumbnail snapshot of the web  
3 page stored as a result of prior access to the web page.

1 6. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium and  
2 executable by a computer for presenting and managing a history of web pages  
3 accessed, comprising:

4 accessing a web page by a user;  
5 reducing the size of the web page to a thumbnail snapshot; and  
6 displaying the thumbnail snapshot to the user in an area of a screen containing  
7 only history information.

1 7. The computer program recited in claim 6, wherein prior to the reducing the  
2 size of the web page to a thumbnail snapshot, further comprising:

3 checking a history file to determine if the web page is in the history file; and  
4 reducing the size of the web page only when the web page is not in the history  
5 file.

1 8. The computer program recited in claim 7, wherein the thumbnail snapshot  
2 is displayed to the user in a toolbar.

1 9. The computer program recited in claim 8, wherein the toolbar is able to  
2 scroll and display a plurality of thumbnail snapshots from the most recent to the least  
3 recent.

1           **10.**The computer program recited in claim 9, further comprising:  
2           selecting a web page to revisit by clicking on a thumbnail snapshot of the web  
3           page stored as a result of prior access to the web page.